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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN SHIPPING DISPUTE

REF: (A) STATE 300302; (B) GUATEMALA A-121 OF 12/13/77

1. PRESIDENT LAUGERUD SIGNED REVISED LAW 26-77 ON DECEMBER 19, AND LAW WAS PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE DECEMBER 21, EMBASSY POUCHES SPANISH TEXT OF LAW AND INFORMAL TRANSLATION TO DEPARTMENT AS REF B. REVISED LAW IS IDENTICAL TO ORIGINAL VERSION EXCEPT THAT IT DELETES ARTICLES 9, 10 AND 11.

2. ON DECEMBER 21, EMBOFF MET WITH CORFINA PRESIDENT PERALTA PORTILLO TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON LAW TAKES EFFECT 41-71 WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE. THIS WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED BY NEW LAW AS WELL AS TO ALLOW SHIPPERS WHO HAD SHIPPED UNDER EXISTING LAW TO COMPLETE THEIR VOYAGES.

3. EMBOFF INFORMED PERALTA OF PUBLICATION OF FMC RULE THAT AN EQUALIZATION FEE WOULD GO INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 13 AND INQUIRED WHETHER BLANKET WAIVERS MIGHT BE ISSUED TO CARRIERS NOT FAVORED BY 41-71 UNTIL
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END OF 60 DAYSPERIOD. PERALTA SAID NO, GUATEMALAN LAW DOES NOT ALLOW IT.

4. PERALTA CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT IF THE U.S. SAW FIT TO IMPOSE AN EQUALIZATION FEE EVEN AFTER PRESSURING GUATEMALA TO PASS THIS LAW, THEN GUATEMALA MIGHT PUT AN ADDITIONAL FEE ON U.S. SHIPPERS AND THE

CONGRESS MIGHT EVEN REASSESS THE LAW ITSELF.

5. EMBOFF CONCLUDED MEETING WITH INQUIRY AS TO WHEN
26-77 REGULATIONS MIGHT BE ISSUED. PERALTA SAID THEY
WOULD COME OUT DURING OR SHORTLY AFTER EXPIRATION OF
60 DAY PERIOD (WHICH WOULD BE FEBRUARY 19, 1978) . HE
ADDED THAT TIMING OF ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS WAS NOT
THAT CRUCIAL SINCE ONE LAW TAKES EFFECT, TREATMENT OF
SHIPPERS WOULD BE FAIR.
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